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This newsletter will provide biweekly updates as the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan is being implemented.

Have you and your childcare staff completed the required health and safety professional development training?

By October 1, 2016, all childcare providers in the state of Mississippi receiving Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) vouchers are required to complete health and safety informational sessions to remain eligible for the program. This requirement is a **new** federal rule in the 2014 Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act and includes educating all child care staff (caregivers, teachers, and directors) in 10 health and safety topic areas: prevention and control of infectious diseases, prevention of sudden infant death syndrome, administration of medication, response to food allergies, building and physical premises safety, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, emergency preparedness, handling hazardous materials, transporting children, and first aid and CPR.

The Mississippi Department of Human Services has partnered with the Mississippi State Department of Health and community colleges across the state to offer health and safety informational sessions in 15 locations at **no cost** for all CCPP-eligible child care providers. These in-person sessions will cover the federally required health and safety topics.

It is the responsibility of child care directors to register themselves and their staff for a health and safety informational session at ccpptraining.mdhs.ms.gov. The first session was held Sept. 10, and the remaining sessions will be on Saturday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. **If you have any questions about the informational sessions or need technical assistance with the online registration, please call toll free 1-844-402-2889.** We appreciate your support in meeting this federal requirement to ensure a safe environment for all Mississippi children in child care settings.

Remaining Health and Safety Training Schedule and Locations

September 17, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Itawamba Community College
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Pearl River Community College
Holmes Community College
Hinds Community College

September 24, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to noon

East Mississippi Community College
Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Meridian Community College
Mississippi Delta Community College



MDHS employees Marianna Chauvin and Angela Crockett, along with instructors from each of Mississippi's 15 community college districts received teacher training on the health and safety topics that will be taught to all child care providers during September.

Revised Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) Policy Manual Submitted to Secretary of State's Office

After a 25-day comment period and a public hearing, feedback was used to complete the final revision of the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) Policy Manual that was submitted to the Secretary of State's Office August 30, 2016. During the month of September, the Secretary of State's Office will codify the final rules, and the CCPP policy manual will go into effect October 1, 2016.

2016 Timeline

March 11 Mississippi Department of Human Services submitted the state's CCDF plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

April/May U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reviewed the plan.

June Three workgroups met to gather feedback from statewide stakeholders to assist MDHS in fulfilling federal requirements.

June 28 A letter approving the state plan was received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

July-Sept. The state will work toward meeting immediate federal requirements during this timeframe.

August 2 MDHS submitted the revised CCPP policy manual to the Secretary of State's Office in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. To submit comments, the public was directed to this e-mail address: ccdfcomments@mdhs.ms.gov.

August 22 A public hearing regarding the CCPP policy manual was held on this day at 5:30 p.m. in room 145 of the Woolfolk building in Jackson, Mississippi.

August 27 Last day for public comments on the CCPP policy manual.

August 27-29 CCPP policy manual was revised to address public comments.

August 29 Revised draft of CCPP policy manual was filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

September 28 Secretary of State's Office to codify final rules.

October 1 Effective date of new CCPP policy manual to begin program year.

Contact

For more information about the CCDF State Plan, please visit <http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/early-childhood-care-development/child-care-resources/ccdf-state-plan/>.